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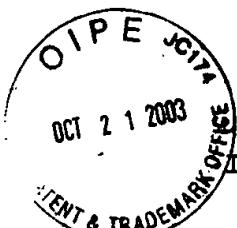
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Shoichi TANEICHI et al

Serial No. 09/973,802

Examiner Watkins

Filed: October 11, 2001

Art Unit 1772

For: BULKY SHEET MATERIAL HAVING  
THREE-DIMENSIONAL PROTRUSIONS

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Va. 22313

October 21, 2003

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 21, 2003, the period within which to respond having been extended up to and including October 21, 2003, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.